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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with the above-referenced application.

The following is listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and is in a non-English language:

1. German Application No. 4024434A1.

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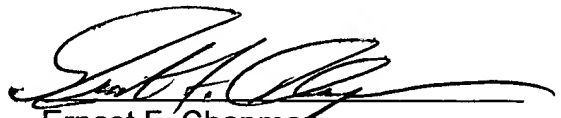
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